

76. (New) A method of processing dates in a database, comprising the steps of
- providing a database with dates stored therein according to a format wherein
- M<sub>1</sub> M<sub>2</sub> is the numerical month designator, D<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub> is the numerical day
- designator, and Y<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>2</sub> is the numerical year designator;
- 5 selecting a window with a Y<sub>A</sub> Y<sub>B</sub> value for a pivot date of the window, Y<sub>A</sub> Y<sub>B</sub>
- being no later than the earliest Y<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>2</sub> year designator in the database;
- determining a century designator C<sub>1</sub> C<sub>2</sub> for each date in the database, C<sub>1</sub> C<sub>2</sub>
- having a first value if Y<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>2</sub> is less than Y<sub>A</sub> Y<sub>B</sub> and having a second value if Y<sub>1</sub>
- Y<sub>2</sub> is equal to or greater than Y<sub>A</sub> Y<sub>B</sub>;
- 10 reformatting the symbolic representation of each symbolic representation of a
- date in the database, without the addition of any new data field to the database,
- with the reformatted symbolic representation of each date in the database
- having the values C<sub>1</sub> C<sub>2</sub>, Y<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>2</sub>, M<sub>1</sub> M<sub>2</sub>, and D<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub>, in order to facilitate further
- processing of the reformatted symbolic representations of each of the symbolic
- 15 representations of each of the dates; and
- sorting the dates in the form C<sub>1</sub> C<sub>2</sub> Y<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>2</sub> M<sub>1</sub> M<sub>2</sub> D<sub>1</sub> D<sub>2</sub>.

#### Remarks

- 20 The above amendment, pursuant to the requirements of the Decision and 37 C.F.R. §1.565(d), places the claims added to the Reissue Application and previously amended in the prosecution of the Reissue application as well as amendments to the Specification in the files for the above referenced
- 25 Reexamination Proceedings.

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